

**WASHINGTON, DC-** Today, Congressman Jim Costa (D-Bakersfield) announced that a National Institute of Health grant totaling \$78,775 has been released to California State University Bakersfield to prepare students for a future in biomedical research. Funding was made available in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“Advances in medicine have given us the cures for diseases like polio and small pox, as well as medications which have helped extend human life,” Costa said. “We need to continue investments in this type of research for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and I am very happy that CSU Bakersfield was awarded this important grant.”

“We appreciate greatly this supplemental award which provides much needed additional funding to support our current efforts to increase the number of underrepresented students graduating in the biomedical sciences and better prepare them to enter Ph.D. programs with the intent to pursue careers in biomedical and behavioral research,” President Horace Mitchell said.

This grant will increase the number of underrepresented students graduating in the biomedical sciences and better prepare them for careers in biomedical and behavioral science research. The National Institute of Health funds biomedical research and research training at more than 3,000 institutions in the fifty states and territories.